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I hereby certify that General Electric Company of 1 River Road, Schenectady, NY 12345 is the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in the patent application identified above by virtue of an assignment from the inventors to the aforesaid assignee, *a copy of the assignment being attached.*

I have reviewed the documents in the chain of title of the patent application identified above, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, title is in the aforesaid assignee for which I am empowered to act in this matter.

I declare further that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY

May 7, 2002 By: ERNEST G. Cusick
Date Name: ERNEST G. Cusick
Title: PATENT COUNSEL

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ASSIGNMENT

In consideration of One Dollar and other good and valuable consideration, of which we acknowledge receipt, Herbert F. Butler, III of 2 Willow Oak Court @Roper Meadow, Simpsonville, South Carolina 29681, Robin Houseknecht of 432 Hudson Avenue, Albany, New York 12303, Cyndi Jones of 302 Millervale Road, Greer, South Carolina 29650, Wayne T. Myers of 630 Holmes Road, Pittsfield, Massachussetts 01201 and Robert Pitt of 179 Holcombe Drive, Liberty, South Carolina 29657, sell and assign to General Electric Company, a New York Corporation, its successors and assigns the entire right, title and interest in and to the improvements in METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR VENDOR COMMUNICATION invented by us, as described in the application for United States Patent filed on November 20, 2001 as Application No. 09/989,712; and any and all applications for patent and patents therefor in any and all countries, including all divisions, reissues, continuations and extensions thereof, and all rights of priority resulting from the filing of said United States application, and authorize and request any official whose duty it is to issue patents, to issue any patent on said improvements or resulting therefrom to said General Electric Company, or its successors or assigns and agree that on request and without further consideration, but at the expense of said Company, we will communicate to said Company or its representatives or nominees any facts known to us respecting said improvements and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths and generally do everything possible to aid said Company, its successors, assigns, and nominees to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for said improvements in all countries.

5 April 2002 ~~2001~~
Date

Herbert F. Butler, III
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STATE OF Virginia,
COUNTY OF Nelson) ss:

This 5th day of April, 2002, before me personally came the above-named Herbert F. Butler, III, to me personally known as the individual who executed the foregoing assignment, who acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purposes therein set forth.

Sandra L. Marcussen

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: December 31, 2004

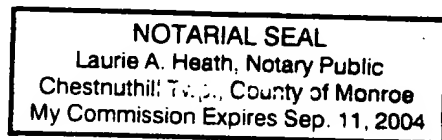
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Robin Houseknecht
Robin Houseknecht

STATE OF Pennsylvania)
COUNTY OF Monroe) ss:

This 24 day of February, 2002 before me personally came the above-named Robin Houseknecht, to me personally known as the individual who executed the foregoing assignment, who acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purposes therein set forth.

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12/14/01, 2001
Date

Cyndi Jones
Cyndi Jones

STATE OF South Carolina)
) ss:
COUNTY OF Greenville)

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Notary Public
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DEC. 17, 2001
Date

Wayne T. Myers
Wayne T. Myers

STATE OF *MA.*)
) ss: *027-34-9548*
COUNTY OF *BERKSHIRE*)

This _____ day of _____, 2001 before me personally came the above-named Wayne T. Myers, to me personally known as the individual who executed the foregoing assignment, who acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purposes therein set forth.

Notary Public
My Commission Expires: _____

FEB 4, 200²
Date

Robert B. Pitt
Robert Pitt

STATE OF South Carolina)
COUNTY OF) ss:

This 4th day of February, 200² before me personally came the above-named Robert Pitt, to me personally known as the individual who executed the foregoing assignment, who acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purposes therein set forth.

[Signature]
Notary Public
My Commission Expires: December 4, 2005